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SECRET PAPERS REVEAL HOW MARCOS DRAINED PHILIPPINES

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WASHINGTON — Former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos
raided his country's
public treasury and
"misused" military intelligence funds for his
personal use, a Philippines official said yesterday.

The charges were based on 2300 pages of private financial papers taken from Marcos and his wife, Imelda, by the U.S. Customs Service when they arrived in Hawaii after fleeing their homeland last month.

The State Dept. turned over the papers yesterday to Jovita Salonga, head of a Philippine commission established two weeks ago to investigate the Marcoses' vast financial dealings.

Salonga said the papers reveal "an unprecedented raid of the public treasury" and an "illicit relationship between Marcos, the banks and the financial institutions."

"I am shocked and in a way I pity them. I just cannot imagine how this can be. This kind of incredible greed," Salonga said.

Salonga said that his panel now estimates the Marcoses net worth at between \$5 billion and \$10 billion, but that this figure could be higher.

"Our estimates keep

going up as more documents come in."

Salonga spoke as former Philippine Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Fabian Ver and another key Marcos associate testified before a federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va.

The jury is probing allegations of bribes and kickbacks involving U.S. corporations doing business in the Philippines.

Marcos, apparently fearing that he himself will be subpensed, has asked the U.S. to help him leave the country.

Spain, his first choice as a haven, has already turned him down. Singapore, under pressure from the new Philippine government, has also refused him.

Salonga said the Marcoses amassed their fortune from kickbacks and "commissions," the "use of influence" and direct raids on the Philippine treasury.

He said some of the raids were disguised and others "direct plunder"